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INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT UP;
FOOD CONSUMPTION SHOWS RISE

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT REACHES 1,396,165 -- Hospodar, No 40, 6 Oct 49

Industrial employment in Czechoslovakia reached 1,396,165 on 1 September, as compared to 1,389,980 in August, representing an increase of 6,185 [sic], according to industrial statistics published in Statistické Informace. Employment of women in industry, the main factor in this rise, increased from 409,704 to 414,115.

In the Czech Provinces, the rise amounted to 4,469 (of which 3,897 were women) and resulted in a total industrial employment of 1,203,658 (358,836 women). The rise in Slovakia amounted to 1,710 (514 women) and resulted in a total industrial employment of 192,507 (55,279 women).

Excluding the Czechoslovak food industry, the rise amounted to 1,638 (1,236 women) and resulted in a total of 1,277,363 (371,605 women). The rise in the food industry amounted to 4,547 (3,175 women) and resulted in a total of 42,510 women.

MILK, EGG CONSUMPTION UP -- Hospodar, No 48 , 1 Dec 49

According to Dr J. Dolansky, Minister-Chairman of the State Planning Office, consumption, particularly of foods, textiles, and footwear, is on the increase. The average monthly per-capita food consumption was as follows in the first half of 1949, as compared with 1948, according to the State Statistical Office:

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Product	1948	Index of 1949	Index (1948 = 100)
Milk (liters)	10.41	11.08	106.4
Eggs (units)	8	9	112.5
Meat (kg)	1.81	2	110.5
Butter (kg)	0.21	0.33	157.1
Lard (kg)	0.24	0.20	83.3
Sugar (kg)	1.89	2.40	127.0
Wheat flour (kg)	7.89	9.15	116.0
Rye flour (kg)	6.02	6.98	116.0
Beer (liters)	5.28	6.12	116.0

The following quantities of various equipment were sold between 1 January 1949 and 1 September 1949: refrigerators, 1,754; radios, 122,858 (there are now 2,180,000 radio owners); sewing machines, 16,425; and bicycles, 100,000.

OVER SUPPLY OF STRAINERS REPORTED -- Die Tat, No 254, 15 Sep 49

The Prague newspaper Lidove Noviny reports that the Horni Blatna enamelware factory has already produced sufficient strainers to provide the Czech population with a different strainer for every day in the week and two for Sundays.

When it was suggested to the management that this excessive production be stopped, the latter countered that the requisite raw materials had been prepared and that therefore manufacture would have to continue.

PENICILLIN FACTORY STARTS PRODUCTION -- Szabad Szo, No 252, 29 Oct 49

Czechoslovak Minister of Health Plojhar has reported that the new penicillin factory in Roztoky near Prague has been completed and production started. Shipments already have been made to hospitals and clinics.

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